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Waterways Management Advisory Board
Tuesday January 14, 2020 at 4pm
Town Office

CALL TO ORDER – John Marrah opened the meeting at 4:02pm.

Present: John Marrah, Roy Myers, Daniel Daffin, Planning and Zoning Officer Kymberly Kudla. Mark Welsh and Mark Van Fleet were not in attendance. Dani Walton of Lane Engineering was also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2019 as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Daffin and carried on a vote of 3:0 in favor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Member Marrah nominated Member Myers as Chairman, motion seconded by Member Daffin. The motion passed on a 3:0 vote in favor.

Member Marrah nominated Member Van Fleet as Vice Chair, motion seconded by Member Daffin. The motion passed on a vote of 3:0 in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Building Permit #5312: Gregory & Lori Spak – Install boat lift – Lateral lines approved on 8-20-18.

Ms. Walton noted that the applicant is seeking approval to install 1 boat lift on the existing pier and mooring piles. The boat lift was approved by MDE & USACE under permit 18-PR-0814. The lateral lines as shown were approved by the Waterways Management Board under permit #5069.

Member Marrah made a motion to approve application #5312 as submitted, motion seconded by Member Daffin and carried on 3:0 vote in favor.

Other matters from Advisory Board or Staff.

Nuisance Flooding Grant: Ms. Kudla gave a status update regarding RFP for the grant. She noted that Sasha Land of DNR would like to have a kickoff meeting for the grant. Meeting dates were discussed. Chairman Myers agreed to meet with Sasha Land to review reporting requirements etc. Friday January 24th in the Town Office along with Jean Weisman and any other members available.

Chairman Myers would like to seek community feedback on nuisance flooding in a work session, possibly the first or third Saturday in February. The public would be informed by-way of constant contact. The purpose of the study is to develop the topography of tidal flooding around the harbor and, together with a stormwater infrastructure assessment, develop viable, cost-efficient strategies and projects to prepare for sea-level rise.

Chairman Myers noted that as of October the State is requiring a report documenting areas of nuisance flooding. Ms. Kudla suggested coordinating with Talbot County.

It was noted that Claiborne has a tidal gauge currently in use provided by DNR which records the tides. Ms. Kudla to follow up with the state.

To be discussed at the February meeting: Clarifications of wording regarding permanent floating docks, floats and finger piers.

Chairman Myers suggest forwarding a recommendation to the Town Commissioners to seek funding to do some much-needed maintenance dredging in the harbor. Member Daffin agreed to take photos of areas requiring maintenance.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Minutes approved as submitted by 3:0 vote in favor on the 10th day of March 2020.

Roy Myers, Chairman